

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraph, which corresponds to paragraph 0052 of the U.S. Publication of the instant Application (US 2006/0280149), as follows:

[0052] As described in detail above, the field communication standard (ECMA-340) addresses the operation of RFID tag reader devices and provides the active communication mode, which is used preferably in communication with one or more RFID tags. Additionally, the field communication standard (ECMA-340) provides the passive communication mode, which is intended for communication with another RFID tag reader device. Both the active and passive communication modes require necessarily energizing of the communicating RFID tag reader device via a power supply. In case of the active communication mode the necessity of a power supply is obvious since communication with one or more passive RFID tags requires energizing of the passive RFID tags via one or more interrogating signals of the communicating RFID tag reader device. ~~In case of passive communication mode~~